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ANNUAL MEETING

By Selma Sorenson

The annual Shareholders' Meeting and election of officers for the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre will be held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre on Wednesday, February 25 starting at 7:30 p.m.

There are three directors to be elected for a three-year period because the terms of **Harvey Haugen, Margaret Cameron** and **Eileen Peterson** have expired.

The nominating committee consists of:
Selma Sorenson —Chairman 466-1839
Olav Larsen — 475-6781
Bill Peterson — 466-5759
Sirkka Ristola — 476-3483
Soren Sorensen — 459-7205

If you know of anyone who has the desire and background to be on the Board of Directors, contact any one of the above committee members and place the names with them. I might point out that to be a Director of the Board is not to be looked upon as an honorary or prestige position only. There are certain responsibilities and a lot of hard work connected with the position. A director must be a Shareholder in the Scandinavian Centre.

So far, the nominating committee has come up with 3 names. They are **Les Greenham, Karin Nasset** and **Eileen Peterson.**

Les Greenham manages the cafeteria for **Cater Plan** in the Devonian Building. He is Vice-President of the Icelandic group, Vice-President of the Scandinavian Club and is a former manager of the Scandinavian Centre.

Karin Nasset, if elected, will be the youngest member ever on the board. At the moment she is the Sons of Norway Queen, the Scandinavian Centre Queen, and assistant cultural director for Sons of Norway. Following high school, she was privileged to attend a folk high school for one year in Norway.

Eileen Peterson needs no introduction. She has been a director and hard worker in the Scandinavian Centre for many years. The past three years she has been their most capable and efficient secretary.

Elmer Kankkunen, who joined the Board during 1975 upon the resignation of **John Quitzau** is willing to continue for one more year to complete the two-year term Mr. **Quitzau** was voted in for. He is a marine surveyor with the Federal Government. He is in the executive of the Finnish Society and the Devon Ski Club.

Nominations can also be made from the floor.

Every shareholder is requested to attend the meeting on February 25. □

BACK TO ICELAND

A C.B.C. Documentary Film
By **Shirley** and **Solli Sigurdson**

CBC-TV Winnipeg is making a film documentary commemorating the 100th anniversary of the major Icelandic immigration to Canada. **Solli**, whose grandfather was one of those early immigrants, was asked by the CBC crew to accompany them to Iceland to help make a portion of the film: that of a person of Icelandic descent returning to see what his ancestors left and why. This made a tremendously exciting trip for both of us—although **Shirley** wasn't in the actual film, she was with us while we were making most of the arrangements.

We dropped our baby off at his grandparents in Manitoba and continued on to Iceland via Chicago (that was an experience in itself). The Icelandic airlines is known as the cheap way to get to Europe, so many of the passengers on the flight are hippie types going to Luxembourg and hence Europe. In Reykjavik we stayed with our friends, **Sigrun Helgadottir** and **Ari Arnalds** who, incidentally, asked to be remembered to all their friends in Edmonton.

The CBC people, to round out their story, interviewed several interesting and important Icelanders. **Solli** went along as "interpreter" —luckily most of the Icelanders spoke good English. This also gave him a chance to ask the experts about the immigrants from the areas which his grandparents left. Among those intereviewed were:

Sigurdur Thorarinsson, world famous geologist. He explained about the eruption of Askja in 1875, and the adverse weather conditions around that time—these certainly were major factors affecting the emigration of large numbers of people, mostly farmers from the northeast part of Iceland.

Finnbogi Gudmundsson, curator of the National Library. He was able to discuss some recent studies on the emigration—what kinds of people left and why. He was also able to elaborate

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STAN BORESON ARRIVING AFTERNOON, FEB. 12

By Per Nielsen

One week to curtain time from Saturday, February 7 for **Scandapades '76**. Tickets will now also be available at **Sorenson Assurance Service Ltd.**, main floor of the Centennial Building, 103 Ave. and 100 St., Edmonton, phone **422-2748**, ask for Mrs. **Selma Sorenson** during business hours.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, Mr. **Stan Boreson** will be arriving at Edmonton International Airport where he will be welcomed by a committee of **Scandapades '76** and the Scandinavian Centre Queen.

Mr. **Stan Boreson** will then be escorted on a tour to some points of interest in our city. In the evening, he will participate in dress rehearsals at the Jubilee Auditorium.

The local entertainers are meeting at the Scandinavian Centre several times a week to rehearse and organize their portion of **Scandapades**. Since I, at this time, cannot reveal anything about the performance, it will be to your advantage to come out and see this year's production of **Scandapades**.

Before the curtains open for **Scandapades '76**, there will be a cultural display from the five Scandinavian ethnic groups for your viewing pleasure. This will be located in the main lobby of the auditorium.

At the conclusion of the performance, a "food fare" will take place on the mezzanine floor. To take part in this, you must keep the ticket stub and present it at this time. The food fare will consist of coffee and Scandinavian delicacies prepared by ladies from the five ethnic groups for your enjoyment.

While you are enjoying the food fare, you can also enjoy the musical lilts of **V.L. (Vic) Lillo's Orchestra.** For this evening, the **Lillo Orchestra** will be attired in Scandinavian costumes to help put everyone in an "old country spirit". If your feet get the urge to dance, please feel free to join **Vic Lillo and the Orchestra** in an old-time waltz, polka, or whatever.

Another feature of the evening, not to be forgotten, is the door prize. Some time during the show, a lucky ticket holder will be the winner of a return trip for one (air fare only) to wonderful Copenhagen. To be eligible for this draw, please, once again, remember, keep your ticket stub.

In conclusion, you will be treated to an evening of Scandinavian fun and entertainment. The committee for **Scandapades '76** has worked hard to compile the evening. However, to make the entire event a total success, all that is needed is your complete co-operation.

Tickets are still available at the before-mentioned outlets. To avoid disappointment, be sure to purchase yours NOW before the deadline February 12, 1976. □

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Sol E. Sigurdson

It seems that most of the dealings of the Board this month were secret. That is, they are all to be announced at some later date. And the things that aren't secret are so trivial that they aren't worth mentioning, like who wants to know that the annual board dinner would be held on January 23 and that we plan to have pickled herring as the main course.

Another item under discussion was **Scandapades**. I am pleased to report that the show is progressing nicely. Some of the old acts are back, but we do have some brand new twists. And we really are planning a Scandinavian food fare, refreshments and music "after-the-show-time" following. Personally, I am looking forward to **Stan Boreseon**. I just hope I'm not too busy to enjoy it. We are all looking forward to having a very Scandinavian time on February 13. We hope to see you there. Who knows, you may win a trip to Copenhagen!

The enthusiasm for Centre expansion seems to have died down again. Maybe it is just that so much other stuff is going on. For one thing, the **Viking Discotheque** seems to be a roaring success. Actually, we need more attendance by Scandinavian youth but, even as it is, I feel it is extremely worthwhile. Drop in some night when it is on and feel some of the enthusiasm of the kids. My wife and I spent an evening chaperoning, and found it to be an absolutely delightful experience.

You have probably heard elsewhere that CFCW has stopped the Saturday morning **Scandinavian Hour**. The Board was sad to hear that, but I guess, over the years, we must expect institutions to change. If times are changing, which direction are they going? Perhaps this could be a sign to all of us that we should be changing too. Even if it is a sign of the times, I know a lot of us will miss **Les Greenham**'s cheerful voice and the old-time music.

I shall close for now. If any of you see me at **Scandapades**, please say "hello". I would like to know if anyone reads this column. I shall also be very happy to see you at **Scandapades '76**. □

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

By Peter Elander

MAIL A LETTER OR PHONE THEM — CFCW CAMROSE! We want the **Scandinavian Show** back on the air.

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It was sad when the **Scandinavian Show** from Camrose came to an end. "THIS BROADCAST HAS PAST ITS USEFULNESS." These were the words when I was informed of the end of the broadcast.

Maybe they are correct in saying so. Have you and I told this radio station that we really were looking forward to listening to the **Scandinavian Show** every Saturday?

Maybe we should have helped CFCW by donating some newer records to help to keep the record library up to date.

Is it too late to do something about it? MAYBE YES—MAYBE NO. But we shall never know if we don't try to get the **SCANDINAVIAN SHOW** on again in the future.

WHAT HAVE WE LOST?

1. We have lost the sounds of music from Scandinavia.

2. We have lost the media to tell you and other people what is going on within the Scandinavian ethnic societies.

3. We have lost the weekly "NEWS" of what is going on here at your Centre.

NOW IS THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD. PLEASE::: Write the CFCW Radio Station in Camrose.

Tell them you like to hear Scandinavian music. Tell them you are missing the **Scandinavian Show** every Saturday.

I have mailed my letter. It's now time for you to write your letter.

THE VIKING TOASTMASTER CLUB

I have been asked to challenge the members of the Finnish, the Icelandic, the Norwegian and the Swedish Societies to match the number the Danes have in the **Toastmaster Club** (6).

The **Viking Toastmasters** meet every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. here at the Centre. So come and see what it is all about. Have a cup of coffee with us—enjoy the fellowship.

For further information, please call me here at the Centre, 455-4355. □

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

By Per Nielsen

The Scandinavian Centre rang in the New Year in style. The evening got underway at 7:30 p.m. with a delicious smorgasbord prepared by **Stella Kassian** and her staff. There was plenty for everyone to enjoy.

The hall was nicely decorated with candlelights and flags on the tables. The Scandinavian flags made a fitting background for the orchestra, and streamers and balloons adorned the dance floor.

The dance began at 9 p.m. with excellent music supplied by **Reuben Missal and his Orchestra**. To get the people in the mood, hats and noisemakers were supplied at this time.

At midnight, balloons were released from the ceiling, and the president, **Mr. Harv Haugen**, of the Scandinavian Centre, wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Coffee and Danish pastry was then served and enjoyed by everyone.

At this time of the evening a draw for door prizes was made by our Scandinavian Centre Queen, **Karin Nasset**, and the winners were:

1st PRIZE — Mr. **Jack Fuletin**
2nd PRIZE — Mr. **A. Sterger**
3rd PRIZE — Mrs. **Batcher**

The annual Scandinavian Centre New Years Party ended at 2:30 a.m. □

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LETTER

Dear Sirs:

We have been attending your New Year's Eve Dance for several years and would like to compliment you and your staff for a wonderful evening.

This year in particular, we (a party of 6) thought the evening a huge success. The food was out of this world and we particularly enjoyed the band this year. We also enjoyed the after twelve snack. We hope you will consider rehiring this band for next year's dance and we are looking forward to attending in 1976.

Yours truly,
Mrs. J. P. Sauchenko

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

By Betty Broen

COMING EVENTS

February 18th - Wednesday

A general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Scandinavian Centre.

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January has been a quiet month for many of our members as they recuperate from the flu, which seemed so prevalent at the Christmas season, or just relax after the holidays.

Holidaying in Hawaii this month are **Andy** and **Mathilda Mjaatveit**, **Olga** and **Dale McBride** will leave for a 3-week vacation in Hawaii on February 1st with **Olga's** mother and father, **Martha** and **Iver Venoasen**, and her brother, **Oscar Venoasen**, and his family.

Congratulations to **Evelyn** and **Gary Johnson** on the birth of their second daughter on December 31st.

Linda and **Dianne Storheim** spent a recent weekend visiting their brother, the Rev. **Ken Storheim**, at Ponoka to celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. **Lydia Naverseth** is recuperating at home from a broken hip. Our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

Mr. **John Hope** has just had a walking cast applied to his broken leg so will be able to get about more easily.

The Scandinavian Airlines is sponsoring a ski tour to Norway from March 12 to 22. The tour takes in the famous ski jumping event at Holmenkollen. Six days of skiing is provided for at Scandinavia's leading winter resorts—Geilo and Voss. The group will depart for home from Bergen. The price for air fare, Holmenkollen tickets, hotel accommodation, train tickets and most meals is only $575.00. Members can ski cross-country or downhill. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by phoning the tour group leader, **Ole Hovind**, at **466-1769**.

Scandinavians or non-Scandinavians interested in joining Edmonton's newest cross-country ski club—the Edmonton Norsemen—should contact Mr. **Chris Nyhus** at 487-1450. Membership is $3.00 per person. The ski club caters primarily to families interested in touring and racing.

At a recent meeting, the junior lodge generously voted to donate $25 to each of the following organizations:

Care Canada, the **Heart Fund**, the **Cancer Fund** and **A.C.T.'s Crippled Children's Fund.**

The junior lodge joined with the seniors for the dinner, installation ceremony and dance on Jan. 24.

The following executive members were installed:

PRESIDENT — **Tom Haugen**
VICE-PRESIDENT — **Linda Nyhus**
SECRETARY — **Barbara Broen**
TREASURER — **Chris Larsen**
FINANCIAL SECRETARY — **Bill Zelensky**
SOCIAL DIRECTOR — **Carol Anderson**
MARSHALL — **Brian Anderson**
INNER GUARD — **Jeff Peterson**

Cultural Director Mrs. **Astrid Hope** will take her display of Norwegian crafts, baking and costumes to the Grade III students of the Mcleod Elementary School on February 5th.

Mrs. **Hope** and her assistant, **Karin Nasset**, are planning to conduct classes in Norwegian cooking, baking and handicrafts at the Scandinavian Centre every Monday evening during the month of March. Interested members, please contact:

Mrs. **Astrid Hope** — **469-4747**
Miss **Karin Nasset** — **439-6987**

Phone immediately to reserve a place in these classes.

Next month's correspondent will be Mrs. **Gail Peterson**, phone **466-9061**. □

MULTICULTURALISM GRANTS

The Minister responsible for Multiculturalism, the Hon. **John Munro**, recently announced 26 grants totalling $102,967 under the federal government's multiculturalism program.

This program is designed to develop an awareness of Canada's cultural diversity and to encourage Canadians to share their cultural heritage with their fellow citizens.

The following group in Alberta received such a grant:

Ad Hoc Committee — Conference on Third World Immigrants and the Policies of Multiculturalism — Edmonton

Two thousand dollars ($2,000) for a conference held in September at the University of Alberta to discuss concepts and theoretical issues involved in the implementation of multicultural policies and to determine the relationship of these policies to Third World immigrants. Participants included business executives, third world community leaders, government officials, union leaders and academics. □

AMBASSADOR ALGARD ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The United Nations General Assembly elected Norway's UN Ambassador, **Ole Algård** as Vice-President for the recent 30th anniversary session.

Ambassador **Algård** was born in Norway September 9, 1921. After completing his Law Degree at the University of Oslo in 1946, he entered service with the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that same year.

Before taking up his present position, Mr. **Algård** was Norwegian Ambassador in Peking 1966-71.

From 1961-64 he served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations. His diplomatic career also comprises service in Moscow, Vienna and Brussels as well as in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo.

Ambassador **Algård** was elected Chairman of the Special Committee on the United Nations Finances in 1972, President of the International Conference of Experts to support Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in 1973, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Special Programme in 1974 and Chairman of the Board of Governors on the United Nations Special Fund in 1975. □

Books and Articles

NORDISK TIDENDE, Norwegian News, at 8104 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209, U.S.A., has published a Souvenir Edition with many excellent articles (mostly in Norwegian) about the Norwegian Sesquicentennial Immigration, as well as from the historic visit of H.M. King **Olav V** to New York. The newspaper contains 100 standard size pages and may be ordered by mail to **Norwegian News**, address as above; include $1.00 covering postage. □

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THE IBSEN CYCLE by **Brian Johnston.** 378 pp. **(Twayne's International Studies and Translation Series).** This book consists of two parts, each a distinct unit. The first part discusses the "dramatic" content of **Hel's** philosophy, the philosophical content of **Ibsen's** drama, and how the two are related. The book's central thesis is that **Ibsen's** twelve realistic plays, from **Pillars of Society** (1877) to **When We Dead Awaken** (1899) forms a single **Hegelian** cyclical and evolutionary dramatic structure that might well come to be seen as the greatest single art work of the nineteenth century.

The second part of the book gives a detailed analysis of three of these plays: **Ghosts, Rosmersholm**, and **The Master Builder.** Having demonstrated that **Ibsen's Cycle of Plays** is a definite objective, rational structure, capable of precise analysis, part two of the book shows that the individual plays, too, are capable of explicable analysis as objective dramatic structures and that every detail in the play represents a discoverable intention. (Published by **Twayne Publishers, Inc.**, 70 Lincoln St., Boston, Mass. 02111, U.S.A. Price: $17.50). □

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The students spend most of the academic year in Folk High Schools or other more specialized institutions. They gradually become "real" Danes, Finns, Norwegians or Swedes. There is only one Seminar student in each school which provides a unique Scandinavian learning environment.

In addition, the family-stays, the Seminar's own language institutes, and an Independent Study Project, help the student to acquire language fluency and knowledge of the country, its people, and its culture in a remarkably short time. Each year more American colleges and universities are granting academic credit for the year, based upon the Seminar's report and recommendation.

For further information contact the **Scandinavian Seminar** at 100 East 85th St., New York, N.Y. 10028, U.S.A. □

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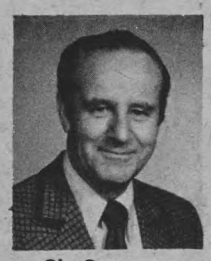

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Gunnar Thorvaldson

In a recent conversation with **Les** and **Thorey Greenham** they told me **Thorey's** mother, Mrs. **Gudrun Vigfusson**, from **Selkirk, Manitoba**, spent approximately a month in **Edmonton** recently which took in the Christmas and New Year's seasons. After leaving Edmonton she flew to **Cheney**, Washington, to visit her son, **Norm**, and his wife and family for a couple of weeks. The **Vigfussons** of **Sherwood Park—Herb** and **Phyllis—also Les** and **Gail Vigfusson** plus the **Greenhams** shared her visit and really enjoyed her company. During her stay with the **Greenhams**, the **Jonssons** had her over for dinner. That was January 8 and she enjoyed the visit very much with **Steini, Clara** and family. She also spent a week in Camrose with her other daughter, **Anna**. **Les** tells me that everybody really enjoyed his mother-in-law's company—she is as spry as ever and she is in her 81st year!

Harold and **Helen Halldorson** had a lot of company this past year. **Harold's** two brothers from California were here. **Mike Halldorson** from Chico and **Raymond Halldorson** from Leisure World. They also had **Sylvia, Frank** and **Harold's** aunt, Mrs. **Jenny Laxdal**, from North Dakota.

Harold and **Helen** travelled both east and west. While in Vancouver, they visited **Mrs. Paul Bjarnason, Harold's** aunt, who is 85 years old. She brought **Harold** up after he lost his mother as a small child.

On Helen's side, they had **Max and Bessie Campbell** from **Ailsa Craig**, Ontario. Also her niece, **Rosa Sitter**, and daughter, **Heidi**, from **Denmark**.

Harold's nephew and wife, **Mike** and **Rosanne Aconway**, had quite an experience at Jasper. While they were away back-packing a grizzly tore their car apart. The bear ripped a door off the car and made a general mess of it inside and out. They stayed with the **Halldorsons** for ten days while their car was being repaired—they're back in Los Angeles now.

The **Halldorson's** daughter, **Pat Pettigrew**, and daughter **Shannon**, visited at the same time as the Denmark visitors were here, then they went on to Saskatoon and visited Mrs. **Esther Johnson**.

Helen was in the hospital in early December for an operation and it's nice to see her up and around again and making plans to get on the Calgary flight to Iceland.

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Our best wishes to **Hulda Yelic** for a quick recovery. She was hospitalized recently for minor surgery.

Also to **Margaret Cameron** who had the misfortune to break her ankle.

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Ed Hordal from Yellowknife was in the Colonel Mewburn Hospital right after Christmas for an operation. His wife, **Mary**, accompanied him to Edmonton and they stayed until mid-January visiting friends and relatives. **Ed** is over 80 but you would never know it. His nephew, **Dennis Johnson**, from Calgary, came up twice to see them while they were in Edmonton.

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HERITAGE MAGAZINE

All members of the Icelandic Society are put on the mailing list to receive **Heritage** magazine. If you are receiving two copies, please write and cancel one giving the ID number. The address is:

Heritage Magazine
10004 - 104 Avenue
Edmonton, Alta. T5J 0K5

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The Icelandic Society was the recipient of a very nice Christmas letter from **Richard** and **Margret Beck**. Dr. **Beck** wrote a poem for the letter which we enjoyed and appreciated.

TRAVELLERS

Olive Goodman has been on a holiday visiting friends and relatives at the coast.

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Hilmir, Elin and **Agust Agustsson** went to Iceland for a Christmas holiday which they thoroughly enjoyed. **Elin** and **Agust** will make it an extended holiday—they're going to stay in Iceland, then join **Hilmir** again in August.

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Lorne, Lillian, Arnie and **Erika MacPherson** had a wonderful Christmas holiday in Hawaii. They started with **Lorne's** brother, Dr. **Archie MacPherson**, in Honolulu. It was a shock to their systems to get back to Edmonton's minus 35 temperature and they can't wait to go back there.

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Shirley Lundberg and daughters **Dawn** and **Susan** spent eight days of their Christmas holidays in Hawaii.

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Garth and **Linda Ross** also took a winter holiday and spent Christmas in Honolulu sight-seeing and enjoying the good weather. **Garth** flies for Wardair so he goes there often, this time he had a lay-over so **Linda** joined him and they had a mini-vacation.

Donna Cameron is up from Mexico and will be visiting friends and relatives for a month. I've enjoyed reading "**Letters From Donna**" in the **Scandinavian Centre News**. I hope she has a good holiday.

Scott Thorkelson and **Garry Thorvaldson** motored to California for a Christmas holiday. They both have relatives there, and as well as visiting , they went to the usual tourist attractions in San Francisco, Monterey, Los Angeles, Anaheim, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City.

Mildred Jackson of Wynyard (**Valdi's** widow) visited her daughter and son-in-law, **Joan** and **Randy Pederson**, after Christmas. **Joan** and **Randy** are both going to university here. Their uncle, **Henry Jackson**, from Calgary, was up here to visit at the same time as their mother.

FLIGHT TO ICELAND

The Leif Eiriksson Club in Calgary is planning a three-week flight to Iceland in July. It is expected to cost $320 per seat. If you would like more information, call **Gunnar Thorvaldson** at 466-1570.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6

Executive meeting at **Shirley Lundberg's**.

February 13

Scandapades at Jubilee Auditorium.

March 6

Thorrablot at Scandinavian Centre.

THORRABLOT

Make it a point to attend **thorrablot** on March 6. It's a holdover of the mid-winter feast of the pre-Christian days in Iceland. **Bud's Combo (Bergthorson)** will supply the music. See you there.

NOTES FROM NINNA CAMPBELL

Curt Halldorson won the Silver Medal for weight lifting in the Junior Olympics held at the University of Alberta. He was entered in the 159-165-lb. class. Congratulations, **Curt!**

Mr. **Mike Johnson** sends best wishes to all members of the Icelandic Society and thanks for the Christmas gift. **Mike** is enjoying good health at the McQueen Lodge.

Mrs. **Gertie Johnson** of Elmwood Lodge also sends season's greetings to all and thanks for the Christmas remembrance. Mrs. **Johnson** is in fairly good health and enjoys visits from members of the Society.

Your correspondent for the March issue is **Lucille Oddson — 466-6838.** □

Everything you always wanted to know about Thorrablot But . . .

By Ninna Campbell

The Icelandic Winter Festival, "**Thorrablot**", was usually celebrated in the midwinter month of **Thorri**. This was the season when the days in Iceland had become noticeably longer, heralding the retreat of the long, cold winter, and the return of the warmer, brighter days of spring. **Thorrablot** was named after the god, **Thor**, who was highly revered by the Icelandic people. The festival was abundant in special rituals and rich in symbolism; it was held to promote fertility in addition to prosperity. Certain special rites were performed by the High Priest. When the feast was over, the priest would give the "Sign of **Thor**"—a toast to **Thorrablot**; this was followed by a toast to the gods—**Odin** for victory and power, **Njordur, Freyr** and **Freya** for long life, peace and love. Afterward they toasted heroes of the time and other outstanding individuals.

In the year 1000, Christianity was adopted by legislation in Iceland and the celebration of **Thorrablot** in its original form and color declined. Nearing the end of the nineteenth century, however, the festival was revived. The rituals were considerably modified to be consistant with the socio-religious principles and conventions of that period.

Today **Thorrablot** is celebrated as a cultural and social event, with the principle emphasis on the Icelandic culture in the dimension of music, poetry and literature. The Icelandic Society of Edmonton will celebrate **Thorrablot** on March 6, 1976, at the Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton. The evening will begin with a social hour, followed by a Smorgasbord featuring Icelandic food worthy of serving **Thor** himself. Many moments of merriment and dancing will conclude the celebration.

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C3	Calgary - Copenhagen	Aug. 16 - Sept. 7	June 11	$425.00
E1	EDMONTON - Copenhagen	June 30 - July 20	April 26	$445.00
E2	Edmonton - Copenhagen	June 30 - Aug. 3	April 26	$445.00
E3	Edmonton - Copenhagen	July 7 - July 20	May 3	$445.00
E4	Edmonton - Copenhagen	July 7 - Aug. 3	May 3	$445.00
E5	Edmonton - Oslo	July 8 - Aug. 20	May 3	$435.00
S1	SASKATOON - Oslo	June 22 - July 22	April 19	$410.00
55	EDMONTON - COPENHAGEN	June 15 - July 13	April 15	$416.00

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Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31st, 1975
(with comparative figures for 1974)

ASSETS

	1975	1974
Current Assets		
Cash on hand and in bank	$ 4,657	$ 14,498
Guaranteed investment certificates - Note 1	34,625	-0-
Accounts receivable and accrued interest	3,903	432
Inventory of supplies - at cost	900	900
Prepaid expenses and advances	1,296	335
Total current assets	45,381	16,165
Investments		
Guaranteed investment certificates	-0-	34,625
Fixed Assets - at cost		
Land - Note 3	10,000	10,000
Building - Notes 2 and 3	137,513	127,467
Furniture and fixtures - Notes 2 and 3	43,252	37,637
	190,765	175,104
Less: Accumulated depreciation - Note 2	74,461	63,802
Net fixed assets	116,304	111,302
	$161,685	$162,092

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	1975	1974
Current Liabilities		
Bank loans - Note 4	$ 14,500	$ -0-
Accounts payable - trade	4,322	3,601
Deposits on future rentals	4,220	2,630
Total current liabilities	23,042	6,231
Shareholders' Equity		
Share Capital:		
Authorized: Unlimited number of sharesat $50 each		
Funds received from shares issued and subscribed	168,478	168,278
Retained earnings (deficit)	(29,835)	(12,417)
Net shareholders' equity	138,643	155,861
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$161,685	$162,092

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND DEFICIT

SCHEDULE 1

INCOME		
Interest	$ 3,294	$ 3,233
Charter flights	1,190	3,704
Scandapades	-0-	3,369
New Years Dance	249	113
Grants	2,000	-0-
Sundry	142	50
	6,875	10,469
EXPENDITURES		
Hall rentals - Schedule 1	16,276	11,955
Meetings	221	414
Scandinavian Centre News - Schedule 2	5,847	5,281
Social and cultural events - other	1,374	1,454
Administrative and general expense	575	544
	24,293	19,648
Net loss	17,418	9,179
Deficit January 1	12,417	3,238
Deficit December 31	$ 29,835	$ 12,417

SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

Source of funds:		
Shares issued and subscribed	$ 400	$ 765
Increase in accounts payable and deposits on future rentals	2,311	4,199
	2,711	4,964
Application of funds:		
Operations:		
Net loss	17,418	9,179
Add depreciation which does not require an outlay of funds	10,659	9,987
	6,759	(808)
Purchase of fixed assets	15,661	1,398
Shares redeemed	200	550
Increase (decrease) in other assets	4,432	(1,995)
	27,052	(855)
DECREASE (INCREASE) IN FUNDS	24,341	(5,819)
Funds on hand at beginning of year	49,123	43,304
FUNDS ON HAND AT END OF YEAR	$ 24,782	$ 49,123
Represented by:		
Cash on hand and in bank	$ 4,657	$ 14,498
Guaranteed investment certificates	34,625	34,625
	39,282	49,123
Deduct bank loans	14,500	-0-
	$ 24,782	$ 49,123

STATEMENT OF HALL RENTALS

SCHEDULE 1

REVENUE		
Viking room	$ 14,202	$ 12,426
Nordic room	5,994	4,575
Dania room	2,394	1,930
Corkage, mix	15,663	11,232
Commissions - catering	9,519	9,200
Sundry	1,671	569
Interest - savings account	68	917
	49,511	40,849
EXPENSES		
Advertising	878	1,042
Bank charges and interest	658	97
Building maintenance	1,353	2,642
Car allowance	370	312
Depreciation	10,659	9,987
Equipment maintenance	2,736	846
Garbage removal and grounds	1,336	1,106
Appraisal	575	-0-
Heat	656	352
Insurance	1,308	927
Miscellaneous	983	998
Mix and ice	6,936	3,646
Office supplies	433	390
Payroll	18,541	17,695
Property taxes	7,445	6,432
Supplies	2,163	1,537
Utilities	4,113	2,306
Wages, other	4,456	2,320
Workmen's compensation	188	169
	65,787	52,804
Net hall rental loss	$ 16,276	$ 11,955

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

SCHEDULE 2

STATEMENT OF LOSS

EXPENSES		
Publishing and editing	$ 8,731	$ 7,270
Mailing	1,610	2,202
Office and general	226	500
	10,567	9,972
REVENUE		
Grant	2,000	-0-
Advertising	1,976	3,752
Donations	744	939
	4,720	4,691
Excess of expense over revenue	$ 5,847	$ 5,281

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

WHEN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1976

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The Viking Room
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14220 - 125 Avenue, Edmonton

AGENDA

- REGISTRATION: 7:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- READING OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING
- DIRECTORS' REPORTS
- AUDITOR'S REPORT
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND REPORTS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
- ELECTION OF AUDITOR AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- COFFEE AND CAKES

NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1975

1. **Guaranteed Investment Certificates**

Heritage Savings and Trust - 9 1/2% due January 3, 1976	$ 15,000
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce - 8 3/4%, matures January 3, 1976	5,000
Farmers and Merchants Trust - 9 1/2%, matures February 1, 1976	14,625
	$ 34,625

2. Depreciation has been provided on the straight method at the following rates per annum.

Building	5%
Furniture and fixtures	10%

3. Fixed assets of the Association were appraised on February 14, 1975 as follows:

Land	$260,500
Building	207,500
	$468,000

4. Bank loans are secured by assignment of the Heritage Savings and Trust and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce investment certificates. All loans were retired on January 3, 1976.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Shareholders of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited.

I have examined the balance sheet of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited as at December 31st, 1975 and the statements of income and deficit and source and application of funds for the year ended on the date. My examination included such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income and deficit and source and application present fairly the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 1975 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with those of the prior year except as explained in the notes to the financial statements.

W. K. Broen, Chartered Accountant
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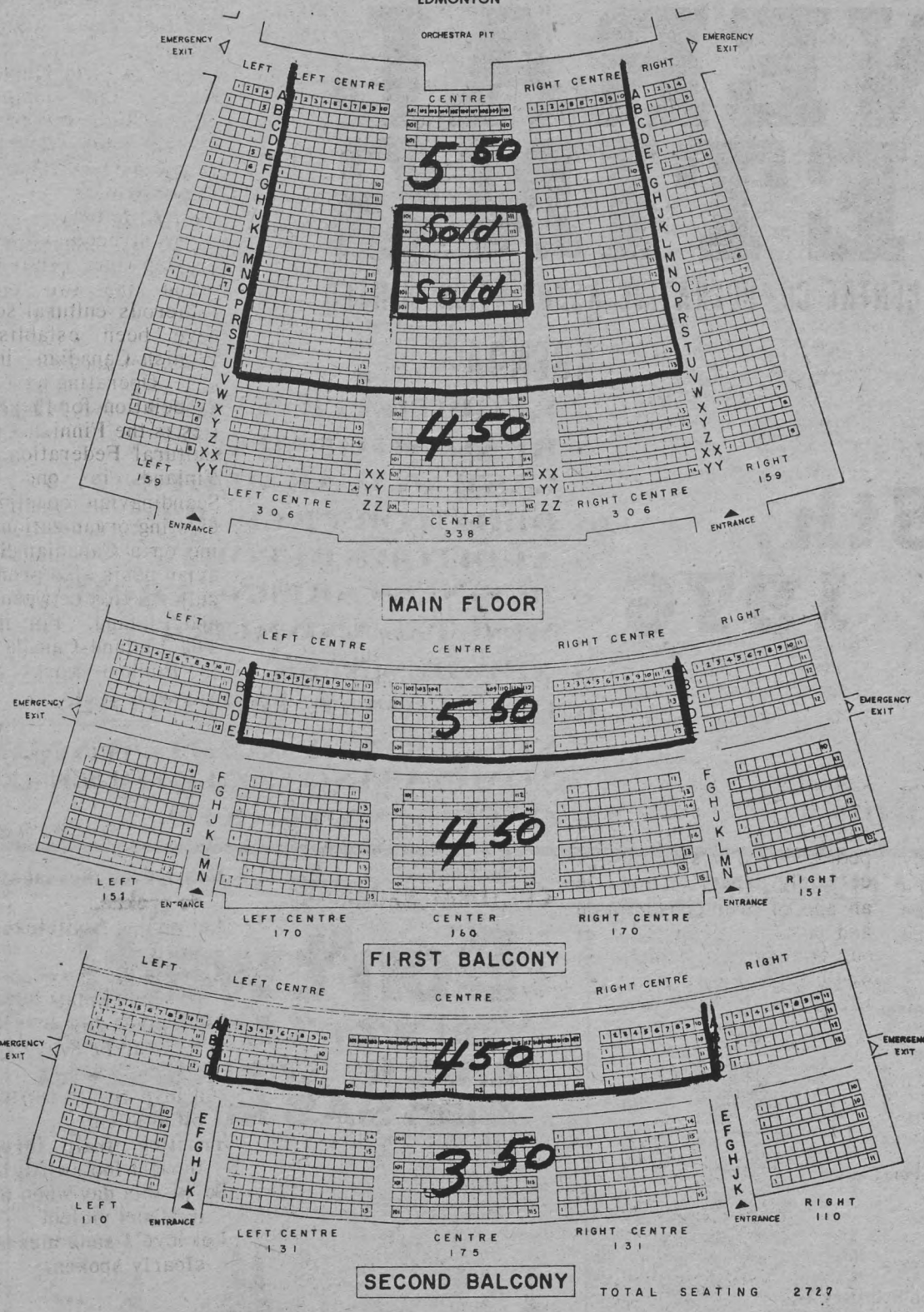

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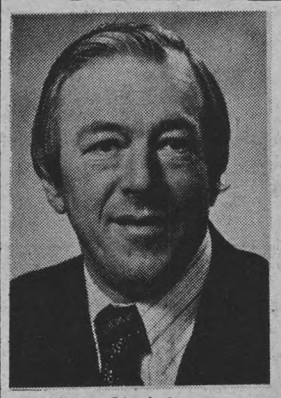
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FINNISH SOCIETY

By Elmer Kankkunen

This is a quiet period in the activities of the Finnish Society as we approach the date of our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Reflecting briefly on last year's activities, we had our ups and downs but all in all, a good year. Attendance at most functions was up, we picked up a few new members and became generally more involved with activities at the Centre and with the other ethnic groups. **Heikki Sario**, who was elected president at the annual meeting, returned to Finland last spring, but **Pentii Sipari** has certainly filled the position well. We received a cultural grant from the Alberta Government which got our folk dancing group going and our dancers are now practising diligently for **Scandapades**. We also skied, danced , fished and fought together and had a good time in the process.

In my zeal for reporting Finnish Society activities, I have been negligent in writing about happenings in the personal lives of our members, so now I hope to partially rectify that omission.

Markku Erkvaara, a member of our executive, married **Connie-Anne**, formerly of Ottawa (I don't know her family name). **Markku** and **Connie-Anne** are enthusiastic members of the folk dancing group. Recently friends held a baby shower for the **Kanervas** who were blessed with a daughter late last fall. **Esa** is also a member of the executive and the folk dancing group. One of our senior members, Mr. **Eero Honka**, is very seriously ill in hospital. Mr. **Onni Virtanen**, a member of the executive in earlier years and always a staunch supporter of our club, has had a lengthy bout with illness. Mr. **Virtanen** sent me the following note which he asked me to translate and forward to the **Scandinavian Centre News**:

"I wish to express my sincerest appreciation to the Finnish Society and its executive and to all my many friends who have remembered me during the past year. Your visits to my sick bed, both in the hospital and at home, are dear memories. I have received so many bouquets of flowers and cards expressing hope for a speedy recovery. Thanks for the many boxes of chocolates, pancakes, etc. I also wish to thank all those who have given us support by purchasing our handicrafts. I hope that you have been satisfied with your purchases and will continue to stop b y when you are looking for small gifts. You are all welcome to acquaint yourselves with our handicrafts. Once again, my thanks." —**Onni Virtanen**

A member of the Finnish Society and a good personal friend, **Arvi Karvonen**, of Hollow Lake, passed away on December 8, 1975. Although they lived a fair distance from the city, **Arvi** and **Lyydia Karvonen** were frequent visitors to our Finnish Society functions. At our last Christmas party they were among the most active couples on the dance floor . I mention this as an example of **Arvi's** zest for life and typical of his cheerful positive outlook.

Our pioneers had many hardships in adapting to a new country and a new way of life. Not only did they have to learn English, but also the language of their neighbours which wasn't always English. I realized this simple truth one night last fall when **Arvi** and **Lyydia** were visiting with us at the same time as a friend of Ukrainian descent. When **Arvi** learned that she was Ukrainian, he proceeded to talk to her rapidly in Ukrainian. She was a bit shocked and later told me that **Arvi** spoke better Ukrainian than many of Ukrainian descent.

Although the feeling of loss is somewhat softened by the realization that **Arvi** lived a full life in every sense of the term, his presence will be deeply missed by family and friends. The following is an excerpt from the **Waskatenau** paper.

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ARVI KARVONEN

On December 8, 1975, **Arvi Karvonen**, age 78, passed away quietly in the Radway Hospital. He was born on October 14, 1897, in Valkijarvi, Finland. He is survived by his wife, **Lyydia Karvonen**, of Hollow Lake, Alta.; two daughters, **Elvie** (Mrs. **Tom Wilson**), **Martha** (Mrs. **Ken Caron**); five sons, **Alex** of Grande Prairie, **Eino** and **Ed** of Hollow Lake, **Albert** of Sherwood Park and **Paul** of Edmonton; and twenty grand and great grandchildren.

In the spring of 1925, **Arvi Karvonen** migrated to Canada and took up a homestead in the Hollow Lake district (two miles east and eleven miles north of Waskatenau) In the fall of that same year, he was joined by his wife, **Lyddia**, whom he had married in 1922 in Finland. His total life in Canada was spent on the farm where he was actively engaged for over half a century. He and his wife visited Finland three times in the last fifteen years. Although he enjoyed visiting Finland, he was always most anxious to get back home to the farm which he enjoyed so much.

Arvi Karvonen represented a typical Canadian pioneer. With only three dollars, an ax and a title to a quarter section of marginal land, he managed to carve out a meagre existence for his wife and seven offspring. Like so many pioneers, he was especially adept at using his hands in fashioning things from "wood and iron". Everything that stood on the **Karvonen** farm in the early years was testimony to his skills of building. The tenacity and stubborness referred to by the Finnish people as "**sisu**" was certainly a part of him. In an age of over consumption and needless destruction of our environment some of us would do well to analyze the life styles of some of these

Arvi Karvonen

pioneers. **Arvi Karvonen** enjoyed the outdoors—especially the simple things such as hunting, fishing, picking berries and camping. Passive retreat from work was alien to his philosophy for even just prior to his death he enjoyed activities such as splitting wood, repairing things, planting and caring for the garden.

COMING EVENTS

Alberta cross-country and ski jumping championships at Devon Ski Club, February 7th and 8th. A good opportunity for people interested in cross-country skiing to watch the best in the province in action.

FINLAND - *SUOMI*

CANADA AND FINLAND PART VIII

Canada , as a country of numerous immigrants, has also received its due share of Finns. The first Finnish immigrants to Canada came about 150 years ago. These forerunners did not, in the main, come directly from Finland, but rather from the United States and Alaska. Many found employment in the construction of the first Welland Canal through the Niagara Peninsula. Finns in more significant numbers settled in Canada starting from the early 1880s. At that time the transcontinental line of the Canadian Pacific Railway was being constructed and thousands of labourers were recruited from abroad. Finnish labourers were soon in much demand for railroad construction, as they quickly got a reputation for being hard-working and reliable workers.

From the decade preceding the turn of the century onwards Finnish immigrants came mainly directly from Finland. Finnish settlers made their living above all by farming and working at the coal and nickel mines.

The largest wave of immigrants from Finland came between 1924 and 1930, when some 30,000 Finns settled in Canada. During the 1930s and 1940s Finnish immigration was almost non-existent, but gathered new impetus in the 1950s.

Today it is estimated that there are about 70,000 people of Finnish descent in Canada. Many of them live, quite naturally because of its geographical likeness to Finland, in Western Ontario, especially in the Thunder Bay region, but they can also be found in significant numbers in, for example, Sudbury, Timmins, Toronto and in British Columbia around Vancouver.

In Canada's multi-lingual press there are three newspapers published in the Finnish language. The largest, "**Vapaa Sana**", is published bi-weekly in Toronto. The two others, "**Vapaus**" and "**Canadan Uutiset**", are published weekly respectively in Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Under the cultural exchange program Canada and Finland annually grant three scholarships for post-graduate students on a reciprocal basis. This program enables three Finnish citizens to come to Canada every year for a period of ten to twelve months to acquire new skills and learning at Canadian universities and scientific institutions. In return they spread knowledge and an understanding of Finland and the Finnish way of life among Canadians. Correspondingly Canadian post-graduate students study in Finland. From time to time Canadian professors teach at universities in Finland, as do Finnish professors in Canada.

The trainees' exchange program between Canada and Finland has been quite successful and is expanding. Trainees are generally students wishing to continue their vocational training abroad or gain international experience in their own field. At the same time their language skills can be improved. In employing a trainee the employer is playing his part in promoting general international interaction and understanding and demonstrating a positive interest in today's students.

To strengthen and further develop the relations between the two countries numerous cultural societies have been established by Finnish-Canadian in Canada. Operating as a central association for these societies is the Finnish-Canadian Cultural Federation. Since Finland is one of the Scandinavian countries, the existing organizations working on a Canadian-Scandinavian basis also promote the cultural ties between Canada and Finland. For its part, The Finland-Canada Society in Finland works towards the same goal. □

IN DEFENSE OF VALENTINES

By Olive W. Burt

Now let the messages of love be spoken.
Let no one hesitate to say the word,
To send the flower, or verse, or some small token
That gives his love a voice that can be heard.

But love speaks softly, and is often silent,
Trusting frail threads of thought too swiftly broken.
So in this day when much is mad and violent
Let love's sane messages be clearly spoken. □

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA

By Gertie Holmgren

The regular January meeting was held in the Dania Room on January 10 with **Joan Petersson** as chairwoman. The charter was draped in memory of the late **John Garret** who died on Dec. 10, 1975. He was initiated into our lodge in April 1964. **John** was a quadaplegic and a patient of St. Joseph's Hospital for many years, so he could not be actively involved in our lodge. **In** the last few years his health was failing and he was unable to attend meetings, but some members visited him quite regularly. He was, despite his illness, quite cheerful. Some years ago, **John** presented our lodge with a plaque with the lodge insignia designed by applying colored stones using a straw held by his mouth. **John** will be missed by his Vasa family.

Those members who were reported ill are **Helmer Dahlseide** and **John Ogren, Alma Samuelson, Harriette Nylen** and **Marta Dahl**. We all wish you good health soon. In the absence of their daughter, **Leslie , Bert** and **Vi** were presented with a charm, a token of appreciation for her role as "The Queen of Light" in our **Lucia Pageant**. Thanks to **Shirley Sykes** and **Beulah Hinton** for the lovely lunch after the meeting.

It was really wonderful to see **Wayne** and **Audrey Modin** at our regular meeting. They are now residing at Sherwood Park. I heard **Bjorn** and **Tessa Bennstrom** are back in Sweden, as are **John** and **Mona Cumberbatch**.

The Christmas holidays were celebrated in various ways by our members. Some of us attended a Swedish **Jul Atta** at Augustana Lutheran Church early Christmas morning. The weather was so beautiful and in my roaming around Edmonton I met some new people. One of them being **Harold** and **Minnie Marktrom's** newest granddaughter, 10-day old **Kerry Elizabeth Hutsulack**.

Raul Nyroos was visiting relatives and friends in Edmonton, as were **Lee** and **Fae Doty** from St. Bruno, Quebec. **Joe** and **Gail Sullivan** and their infant son, **Jesse**, from Calgary, spent Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma **Sund**. **Martha Hokonson** of Port Coquitlam, B.C., spent the holidays here with her son, **Ernie**, and daughter-in-law, **Rene**, and family. **Florence** and **Earl Erickson** of Kelowna, B.C., spent Christmas and New Year's in Edmonton, dog sitting while their daughter and son-in-law, **Joe** and **Shirley Sykes** , and family were in Hawaii.

Then there were those who spent the holidays away from Edmonton. **Rita Pearson** left late Christmas Day for the coast, and **Debbie McRaw** travelled to Kansas on Boxing Day to visit friends. **Leslie Watson** spent the week between Christmas and New Year's skiing at Calgary and Lake Louise. **Janeen Sund** also spent the holidays skiing, as did **Randy Watson**, spending Christmas at Lake Louise and New Year's at Jasper. **Glen** and **Audrey Eliasson** and family spent New Year's with friends at Red Deer and reported seeing lots of snow.

Two happy young ladies received diamonds for Christmas. They both told me that we would have to wait for some time for an invitation as the big day is at least a year away.

Well, Dads, you have some time to save some cash for the event and in these inflationary times, that will not only be difficult but also necessary.

Then there were some members who were not as lucky. **Martha Dahl** spent Christmas in an Edmonton hospital, and **John Ogren** was in the Wetaskiwin Hospital.

Noreen Markstrom was "Queen of Light" at a **Lucia Pageant** at the Augustana Church one Sunday before Christmas, and **Kristina Nyroos** was an attendant. **Brian Eliasson** is happy to be back playing hockey after breaking his arm Dec. 1.

Magnus and **Betty Pearson** have spent most of the winter in Vancouver, B.C., visiting their daughter, **Marjorie Carrol**. Some of those lucky enough to spend January in Hawaii are **Andy** and **Ivy Ogren**.

BOWLING

At the end of the first half, the **Dahlside** team is in first place, and **Samuelson** in second.

CURLING

After completing the first Round Robin, the **Glen Eliasson** team was in first place, and the **Bob Lewis** team second.

There was a four-year-old watching the Skandia curlers on Friday evening. She was overheard to say, "Look, mommy, first they sweep it, then they kick it, and then they score." Sounds like a hockey fan, eh?

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The February meeting will be held on Sat., Feb. 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dania Room. A card party will follow the meeting with **Karl** and **Marge Leander** as hosts.

Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be at **Oscar** and **Winnie Pearson's** home at 13208 135 St. on Friday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.

The regular March meeting will be on Sat., Mar. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dania Room.

As you noticed at the beginning of this column, there is a new correspondent this year. I hope you will all help me by passing on to me any happenings you may hear of or take part in. To you, it may seem a trivial thing, but to those who have moved away, it is interesting to hear about us here "back home" and our paper is read by people right across Canada, so please phone me.

I hope to be away for the first two weeks in March, so if you have any news during that time, please phone either **Virginia Fawcett** at 459-6925 or **Audrey Eliasson** at 454-6357. ☐

Toastmasters Communication in Action

By Peter Elander

Do you communicate easily with friends? With acquaintances? Your boss? Do you sit at meetings—P.T.A. Associations or Community League affairs—afraid to express your opinion but frustrated when you do not? Do not despair. You are with the majority, as most people face this dilemma but unfortunately, too few do something positive about it.

In 1924, a young man then, Dr. **Ralph C. Smedley**, had the same agonizing problem in expressing his thoughts. He, however, decided to do something positive about it and formed the first "Toastmasters Club"—a voluntary organization of men who desire to gain facility in the art of communication. Today there are more than 3,500 such clubs in all parts of the world—sixteen of which are located and actively operating in Edmonton, Alberta.

Toastmasters are open to anyone who is genuinely interested in improving his ability to speak and communicate ideas to his listeners. These speeches are sometimes prepared texts, whilst others are done extemporaneously. The first exposure to speaking by a new member is a "table topic", a two-minute "off-the-cuff" talk on a subject presented to him moments before he gets to his feet. From this, the new toastmaster graduates to a four to five-minute talk about himself so that his fellow members may get to know him better. This initial speech, since it is all about himself/herself, is relatively easy from a composition point of view and is generally delivered with relative ease since the speaker is undoubtedly an expert on the subject.

Gradually the speeches become more expansive and are intended to cover specific requirements — establishing the purpose of a speech — vocal inflections and verbal gestures to emphasize the content of the speech — persuasive speech —the humorous speech etc. During this time toastmaster members are exposed at each meeting to parliamentary procedure — the proper way to open a meeting—how to make a motion, amend a motion—how such items are voted upon, discussed, carried or lost. As members grow in their knowledge and ability they become interim "chairmen" by acting as "table topic masters", "toastmaster", "grammarian", etc., etc. Nothing is left to chance and the growth of the individual is directly related to the effort he is prepared to put into Toastmasters. The Toastmaster motto is, "Better listening, thinking, speaking, for men on the move."

For those who may be interested, further information on Toastmasters may be obtained by telephoning Mr. **Peter Elander** at 455-4355. ☐

Scandinavian program

The Scandinavian program on Quality Cable Channel 13 and on Quality Cable dial FMV 97.7, hosted by **Olaf Sveen** will be on at 6:30 Thursdays. ☐

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DANIA DOINGS

By Lili Nielsen

On January 10 Dania held its New Years Dance with 250 people attending. We regret that so many people were unable to obtain tickets, but hope you will get them earlier for our February and March dances. Our membership draw in the amount of $30.00 was won by **Soren Gothelpsen,** but as he was not present, another $5.00 will be added for our draw in February.

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Don't forget our Whist-drives, the second Tuesday every month. Admission $1.00 per person which includes coffee and cake.

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On February 14, Dania will be having a combined **"FASTELAVNS AND VALENTINE DANCE"** in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre. The menu will be **"DET STORE KILDE BORD"** (the big cold table), the food will be Danish and you will help yourself from a big table. There will be different types of herrings, **"smaa varme retter"** (small warm dishes), etc., etc. Two hundred and fifty tickets are available at the cost of $7.00 per person for members and $8.50 per person for non-members. Music by **Sherink Combo.** Get your tickets early to prevent disappointment. Also included in the ticket is coffee and cake.

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BIKUBEN will meet on February 16, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. at 12424 - 141 St., Edmonton. Mark your calendars now.

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On March 20 we shall have another Supper Dance. The menu will be **"Platte"**—we believe you all know what it is. Tickets for this event will be sold for $6.50 per person for members and $8.00 per person for non-members, coffee and cake included. Music by **"The Busted Flat".**

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DANIA'S FOOTBALL CLUB Sports Information

Team stands at 1 win, 2 ties and 2 losses.

The following is the schedule for the games in February, March and April. Games are being played at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. The players would like a little support, so why not attend some of the games and see how they are doing.

mas festivities for 1975 have past into history, we can happily report that they were well attended and well received. And herewith I extend a thanks to all who helped to make them successful.

We have begun a new group at Ansgar this year, in the hope of filling a need for members of the Danish church as well as the Danish community as a whole. This new group could be said to be "exclusive" as it is open only to those who are 60 years old or older. It is designed to provide an opportunity for those in this age bracket to get together over a cup of coffee for fellowship.

The first meeting of this group was held on Jan. 14, with some 27 present. From this first meeting it was decided to meet regularily on the SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, from 2 to 4 p.m. The next meeting will be on Feb. 11. At this meeting there will be a NAME THE GROUP CONTEST. Each guest is asked to bring a slip of paper with their suggestion of a name for this group. A unique prize will be awarded to the winning entry.

Also at the February meeting we shall have a film-slide tour of Denmark, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. When those present get tired of travelling, we'll stop and have coffee. So if YOU are in this age group and if YOU would like to get together in a very informal manner with some of your fellow Danes, do plan to come to Ansgar on Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

On Sunday evening at 8 p.m., February 29, we are planning a **"Dansk Film Aften"** (Danish Film Night). These films from the National Film Board are in the Danish language and consist of the following topics:

1. **The Sea** (30 minutes) "The sea and not the continents, is the dominant force on this planet. Its secrets, hidden by the vastness of the oceans, are slowly being unravelled by scientists engaged in oceanographic research. This science documentary, designed to promote better understanding of this great resource, takes us aboard the **C.S.S. Hudson,** a Canadian oceanographic vessel, to explore the sea."

2. **Nahanni** (20 minutes) "The legend of a lost gold mine and a river in the Northwest Territories that lures men to their doom. **Albert Faille,** an aging prospector from Fort Simpson, has set out time after time to find hidden gold. His route is through wild and awesome land particularly suited to the mood of this Canadian odyssey."

By the sound of these films one would be able to enjoy them even if one did not understand Danish. So plan to come—bring your friends and your kids. And ladies, we would appreciate a little plate of something to go with coffee.

For your future planning —mark MARCH 26 on your calendar as the night of **ANSGAR'S 14th ANNUAL SPRING SUPPER AND BINGO** at the Scandinavian Centre, sponsored by the **Ansgar Danish Ladies Club and the Men's Club.** □

NEWS FROM ANSGAR

By Pastor Holger H. Madsen

Now that all the Christ-

DANIA'S NEWSLETTER

DANIA 1976:
GODT NYTAAR

Did you enjoy our first **Newsletter?** As editors, we certainly hope it was well received, and we shall try to make **Newsletter #2** even better. Unfortunately we have not received any information from the members yet, but hope you will all get the spirit and forward any interesting information to the Secretary.

For the interest of our members who were not present at our Children's Christmas Party, we are pleased to report that quite a few very good comments were made on this party, as a matter of fact, some people felt it was the best ever.

On January 10 we held our New Years Dance with 250 people attending. We believe everyone had an enjoyable time and we regret that so many people were unable to obtain tickets, but hope you will get them earlier for our February and March dances. Our membership draw in the amount of $30.00 was won by **Søren Gothelpsen,** but as he was not present, another $5.00 will be added for our draw in February. All of you who enjoyed our band at this dance will be pleased to know that we have hired them to play for us on April 24.

Don't forget the Whist-drives the second Tuesday every month. Admission $1.00 per person, which includes coffee and cake.

On February 14 Dania will be having a combined **"FASTELAVNS AND VALENTINE DANCE"** in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre. The menu will be what we in Danish call **"DET STORE KILDE BORD"** (the big cold table), the food will be Danish and you will help yourself from a big table. There will be different types of herrings, **"smaa varme retter"** (small warm dishes), etc., etc. Two hundred and fifty tickets are available at the cost of $7.00 per person for members and $8.50 per person for non-members. We regret the increase in the price, but this type of meal costs a little more and we have included coffee and cake in the price. Get your tickets early from any of the Board members and **Vera Nielsen.** Music by **Sherink Combo.**

The Board of Directors wish to thank **Per Jørgensen** of Spruce Grove for his donation of $10.00 to our **Newsletter,** the money is greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors have been asked if it would be possible to have a dance once a month during the winter. We think it is a great idea and hope you will all back us up in our effort. In the past, we have had several dances during the year which were not what we call a "Supper Dance" but the turnout for these functions have been very poor. It has been decided that we shall arrange a supper dance as often as possible and we shall try to vary the menu a little each time. Suggestions for this will be appreciated, as will your participation.

On March 20 we shall have another Supper Dance. The menu will be **"Platte"**—we believe you all know what that is. Tickets for this event will be sold for **$6.50** per person for members and $8.00 per person for non-members—coffee and cake included. Music will be supplied by another new band called **"The Busted Flat"**—we have been told they are good. Mark your calendars now and order your tickets early to prevent disappointment.

The Board of Directors wish to inform the membership that several donations have been made and for your information are lised below:

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Erik Pedersen's Radio — $100.00
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Dania Football Club — $350.00

We hope this meets with your approval.

Our April dance to be held on April 24 will be a Spring Sports Dance. As of today we have not made too many plans regarding this event, except as already mentioned in this letter—we have ordered the band. We shall have more information on this in the **Scandinavian Centre News** and also it is hoped that another **Newsletter** will be mailed out in March.

SCANDPADES '76
By Per Nielsen

For the 21st time in 22 years, the Scandinavian Centre opens its curtains for **Scandapades.** This will be on the evening of February 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the Jubilee Auditorium.

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DANIA'S NEWSLETTER
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In 1974, a professional entertainer was brought in to help make the show a little more colourful. This year we are presenting **Stan Boreson** as our professional entertainer and hope that you will all enjoy him. He has won many awards in U.S.A. for children's programs in his 14 years on TV. He has now turned to night club entertaining, and has released several recordings, the best known in Canada is probably **"Just a Little Lefsa"**.

Summing it all up, we are going to have another fantastic show. Tickets are going very well and if you have not purchased your tickets yet, the time is NOW, when they are still available. For tickets or further information call any of the following numbers:

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RECIPE

PEBERKVARNEN

Mexicaner Gryde (4 persons)
1 to 1 1/2 lb. beef
2 big onions
50 gr. butter or margarine
Salt
Chilipepper
Bay leaf
1 cup water (approx.)
1/2 cup tomato paste
2 green peppers
3/4 cup corn kernels

Cut meat in cubes and swish in butter, remove from pan. Slice onions and brown. Add meat, salt, chilipepper, bay leaf, water. Cover and let simmer for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Cut green pepper in cubes and add together with tomato paste and corn, heat through. (Ground meat can be used, simmer for 1/2 hour instead.

SPORTS INFORMATION
By Ed Eojda

On December 9, 1975, Dania and Victoria German Soccer Club met in 1st Division soccer action at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. Victoria carried the majority of play in the 1st half and came out with a 1-goal lead. In the second half, Dania regrouped and carried most of the play which resulted in the tieing goal. **Arnie Jensen** took a free kick outside the penalty area which he curved around the Victoria defensive wall.

On December 21, 1975, at 4:00 p.m. Dania lost 2-0 to Northwest United at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. Unfortunately we had no players to relieve our team players so halfway through the game some of the players were very tired. Our turnout was just enough to field a team (7).

On January 4, 1976, Dania started the new year off with a 3-0 win over Edmonton Tigers. **Arnie Jensen, Fritz Wolf** and **Walter Mlinaritsch** counted for Dania and **Ed Wojda** recorded the shutout.

TEAM STANDS AT 1 win, 2 ties and 2 losses.

More fellows are needed to play for Dania. If interested, call **Lars Brandt.** □

DATE	TIME	HOME TEAM	VISITING TEAM
Sun.	4:00	Dania	U of A Goldenbears
Feb. 1	5:00	Victoria	Edmonton Scottish
	6:00	Northwest United	Edmonton Thistle
Tue.	7:30	Ital Canadians	Croatia
Feb. 10	8:30	Dania	GWG Buffalos
	9:30	Polonia	U of A Goldenbears
Tues.	7:30	Northwest Victoria	Edmonton Scottish
Feb. 24	8:30	Edmonton Tigers	Crotia
	9:30	Polonia	Portuguese Can.
Sun.	4:00	Northwest United	GWG Buffalos
Feb. 29	5:00	Victoria	Edmonton Thistle
	6:00	Dania	Croatia
Sun.	4:00	Ital Canadians	U of A Goldenbears
Mar. 7	5:00	Edmonton Tigers	Edmonton Scottish
	6:00	Polonia	Edmonton Thistles
Tues.	7:30	Victoria	Portuguese Can.
Mar. 16	8:30	Polonia	Croatia
	9:30	Ital Canadians	Edmonton Scottish
Tues.	7:30	Northwest United	Portuguese Can.
Apr. 6	8:30	Victoria	GWG Buffalos
	9:30	Edmonton Tigers	U of A Goldenbears
Sun.	4:00	Edmonton Tigers	Edmonton Thistles
Apr. 11	5:00	Ital Canadians	GWG Buffalos
	6:00	Dania	Portuguese Can.

BACK TO ICELAND
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enthusiastically on the Icelandic Canadian poet, **Stefan G. Stefansson.**

Erlendur Hardarson, psychologist. He described Icelanders' beliefs in the supernatural, especially the "hidden people" or Huldufolk. We also visited the sculpture garden of **Asmundur Sveinsson** and talked to him about his sculptures. **Shirley** was lucky enough to participate in the filming at Arnarsafni—the special building where Iceland's oldest manuscripts are now kept, having recently been returned from Denmark. We were shown some of the priceless books—hand written on vellum, as much as six hundred years old and stored in an underground vault. Iceland TV showed us many early Icelandic films dating from the 1920 period showing methods of farming and fishing, unchanged since the last century. Other films showed volcanic activity and the effect of this activity on plant and animal life.

The TV cameraman went simply wild filming the Icelandic scenery (even if it did rain most of the time we were there). We filmed at Thingvellir, the site of Iceland's ancient parliament, and at Gullfoss—Iceland's most beautiful waterfall. We used Arbær, a reconstructed turf farm just outside of Reykjavik, as a backdrop for some of the filming.

Personnel of Iceland TV came along on most of the filming, but unfortunately they had no control over the weather. Iceland had its coldest summer of this century in 1975 (reminiscent of a hundred years ago. The film, of which the above is to be a part, is to be aired on the CBC in February, so watch your TV guide.

The most exciting part of the film making was not the travelling around and the exciting people, it was the finding out how our forefathers lived, and the conditions under which they left. It was indeed shocking to find that they could have shared their small turf houses with their livestock. Knowledge of this kind makes one pause to reflect.

The second part of our trip—a journey to the actual farms that our grandparents left, without the TV crew—was more exciting to us personally. We found out that we both had grandparents who had come from Vopnafjordur, so we flew to Akureyri and rented a car to take us to the little village on the northeast coast. Once there, we met **Albert,** an old-timer who introduced us to his sister who knew a lot about old times. In our search for information, we looked in the cemetry—imagine our surprise in finding a stone to **Solli's** great aunt, dead only ten years. We found that **Solli** had relatives living on the same farm where his grandmother had been born. Another surprise was that **Shirley's** grandfather had worked for this family before emigrating to Canada. Yes, **"Bjossi"** was still fondly remembered by the oldest cousin on the farm. In fact, he even went so far as to suggest that he and **Bjossi** were related, which could mean, of course, that we (**Shirley** and **Solli**) are related. It's a small world, especially when you're Icelandic.

The relatives, **Strandhofn,** made us very welcome—we shared their noon meal of **kjotsupa**—mutton and potatoes boiled in broth. In the two days we spent in Vopnafjordur, we met many nice people and were beginning to feel at home. Looking back now, the most memorable part was driving in our Volkswagen (at Cadillac prices) through "some of the wildest country imaginable"; yes, indeed, through the moonscape which is northern Iceland. It has intriguing scenery, both in the pouring rain and the brilliant sunshine (which we thought we had lost forever). By the way, did you know that gathering drift wood is an industry along the north coast of Iceland? And a really good word to practice your Icelandic on is **Sigurdarstadarvik,** one of the most northerly farms in Iceland.

Altogether, we had a treat time—a bit hectic at times, according to **Shirley.** And we are indebted to all our Reykjavik friends, especially **Ari,** who finished off our trip by locating a kennel of magnificent Iceland dogs which we visited on our last night there and over which we were drinking coffee in the light of the midnight sun until three in the morning. Some country! Some people! □

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